Outstanding dues to Railways

1588. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that a large amount of money remains outstanding as dues to the Railways;

if so, the current status and the details thereof;

the corresponding details for 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

whether it is a fact that the proportion of outstanding dues on account of private debtors is increasing; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) The position of outstanding dues as at the end of December during the last three years is furnished below:

(Rs. in crore)

Category	Outstanding as on 31st December		
	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
(A) Steel Plants	38.59	43.32	33.67
(B) Other Public Sector Undertakings	105.16	119.00	167.61
(C) State Governments	61.14	69.32	104.15
(D) Central Ministries	96.85	108.35	130.92
(E) State Electricity Boards/Power Houses	1389.66	1467.82	1895.01
(F) Private Parties	171.85	218.17	226.96
(G) Others	450.19	537.30	469.06
(H) Total outstanding	2313.44	2563.28	3027.38
(I) Proportion of outstanding dues on account of private parties (F/H in %)	7.43	8.51	7.50